

SECRET

(10)

25X1

10 March 1983

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Cuban Presence In Nicaragua

25X1

We estimate that there are some 7-8,000 Cubans currently in Nicaragua, of which 1,500-2,000 are military and security personnel. This estimate is our best judgment based on a variety of sources

25X1

- The Cubans and Nicaraguans themselves have confirmed that 2,000 teachers have recently returned to Nicaragua for the start of the school year.
- Earlier, the Cubans publicly announced that 2,000 construction personnel were sent to help repair damages from the May 1982 floods. These projects continue, and we believe that these workers are also employed building Nicaraguan military barracks and airfields.
- The Nicaraguans have also publicized the presence of 600 Cuban rural health workers, as well as a variety of other technicians.

A breakdown of our estimate is as follows:

Military advisors	1,500-2,000
Teachers	2,000
Construction workers	2,000
Health workers and other advisors	<u>1,500-2,000</u>
TOTAL	7,000-8,000

25X1

ALA-M-83-10037X

25X1

Duplicate of C05211516:
RIP

SECRET

25X1


DISTRIBUTION

Original - DDI/Congressional Suport

- 1 - C/DDI/PES
- 2 - D/ALA
- 2 - ALA/PS
- 1 - ALA Research Director
- 4 - OCPAS/IMC/CB
- 1 - C/MCD
- 1 - DC/MCD
- 1 - C/CA
- 1 - C/CC



- 1 - Division Files
- 1 - Branch Files

DDI/ALA/MCD/CA/  (10 March 1983)

25X1

25X1